COMMON BROOM.

NAMES.

A. ρυ

G. Σπαρτιον.

L. Genista.

I. Genestra.

G. Genst.

F. Genet.

S. Genestra.

D. Brem.

PARTS USED.

The Stalks, Flowers, and Seeds.

PREPARATIONS

a fixd Salt.

PLACE.

Is on Heaths, Commons, and Waste Grounds.

TIME.

It blossoms in April and May

DESCRIPTION.

The Roots are thick, woody, running so deep in the Ground that its difficult to root out. The Stalks 1, or woody, Part of the Shoots is round, with a smooth full green Bark; with five Corners 2, where its cut Transversly. The Leaves are a small Trefoil, as on the Stalks, and at 3, of a dull blueish Green, coverd with very short white Hairs. The Empalement is a very thin Cup, that extends itself with Points above and below, which shorten as the Flowers grow: see them on the Flower-Buds of different Growths. The Flowers 4 are a very fine warm Yellow, looking soft like Velvet, at 5 is a Flower cut half away, which shews the Seed-Vessel, &c. The young Pod is enclosed in a very thin whitish Skin, that divides into eight Parts 6; forming four long and four short Chives, from whose Center grows the Style, that is very long, hairy, turn'd round 7. The Summits are long, the Farina is very small and Yellow; one Side of the Pod 8 with the Seeds that are smooth, shining and compressed on the Sides 9.

VIRTUES.

Broom infused in Beer or Wine, being Diuretic is allowd to be good against Dropsy, and Jaundice; tis often burnt and the Ashes infused in Wine, which when Filtred is drank for the same Intention; being thought a more powerful Remedy.

F. Sheldrake delin. C.H. Hemerich sculp.